

III. Remarks/Arguments

This Response is being made to the Office Action dated 6/9/2006. A request for a two-months extension of time to respond is concurrently filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on September 7, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability with respect to Claim 16, which has been amended slightly to correct typographical and idiomatic errors and not for reasons of patentability.

Claims 16-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 and 10-12 were previously cancelled. Apparatus claims 7-9 and 13-15 were cancelled in this amendment to expedite the process of prosecution. Applicant intends to pursue the subject matter in apparatus claims 7-9 and 13-15 in a continuation application. New claim 17 has been added to reflect the broader scope of the disclosure than that claimed in Claim 16. New claim 18 has been added to claim features described in paragraph [0060] of the specification. No new matter is added.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims be issued in this case.

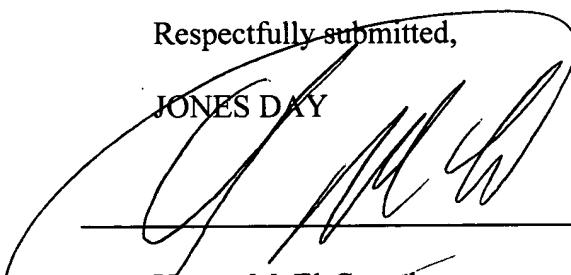
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